

### GRAND CONCERT CLOSED OPEN-AIR GOSPEL MEETINGS

Local Singers and Musicians Rendered Sweet Melody at Closed St. Church Sunday Night.

The crowd gathered early Sunday night at "The Church of the Closed Street." Everybody was in an expectant mood. A few katy-dids lingering in the trees with their strident notes proclaimed the fact that "the harvest is past and the summer ended." A little tinge of autumn in the air brought out a few top coats and winter furs. Palm beach suits were in evidence but were the exception.

The concert which was rather impromptu and arranged on short notice by Mrs. R. E. Rassweiler was rendered entirely by home talent and was a great success. The soloists were all at their best and each number was rendered with rare skill and beautiful spirit.

The co-operating ministers were all present and in a happy mood. Rev. J. B. Little acted as chairman. One of the ministers paid a much deserved compliment to M. V. Morton and C. K. Roe and Mrs. R. E. Rassweiler, leaders of song, Guy A. Camp, Orchestra leader and Miss Marianna Roe, Miss Nash and others who presided at the piano. Everybody was thanked and thankful. One notable feature of the program brought out the fact that practically all our Downers Grove Ministers and their wives are accomplished musicians.

- The program was as follows:
- Praise Service.....C. K. Roe
  - Devotions led by the ministers
  - Plate Offering
  - "Grand Sacred Selection No. 2 from Joy and Praise".....Orchestra
  - Duet—"Love Divine all Love Excelling".....Misses Binder & Grotfeld
  - Violin Solo—"Berceuse".....T. J. Owens
  - Trio—"Cast Thy Bread Upon the Waters".....Misses Thelma Roe, Marie Nielsen, Lillian Washburn
  - Cornet Solo—"The Door of Hope".....Rev. Nansen
  - Anthem—"Sanctus".....Choir
  - Instrumental Duet Violin and Clarinet—"Largo".....Rev. Owen, Miss Lacey
  - Vocal Solo—"I Know that My Redeemer Lives".....Miss Grace Sover
  - "The Close of Perfect Day".....Orchestra
  - Doxology
  - Benediction.....Rev. Grotfeld

### CONDITIONS BAD IN WESTERN RUS- SIA AND POLAND

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 3.—The reports of the critical conditions of the millions of sufferers in the war-stricken countries of Western Russia, Poland, and other countries in Eastern Europe is told by Frank W. America of the American Red Cross, who is stationed in Warsaw.

"The American Red Cross Party," writes Mr. America, "visited scores of cities, towns and villages, from big towns like Brest-Litovsk and Bialostok to the smaller villages like Kamien-Kaszynski, where there was not a single doctor for 3,000,000 inhabitants and not a house where at least one was not down with typhus, tuberculosis or smallpox. The people were subsisting on a sort of bread, an awful black substance, made of bark from oak trees, acorns, chaff and heather, but containing no particle of flour. In some villages this so-called bread was made a little more palatable with potato peelings.

"We passed from village to village and everywhere found famine and disease. Many villages were absolutely uninhabited. There was not a living thing in them except the inevitable carrion crow, and we wondered why he hovered there. It was as if a blight had passed over these places.

"By slow stages, we moved on to Pinsk, on the edge of the Pripiet marshes, through which so many refugees fled before the Russian army in its retreat. These people are now streaming back to their homes. We found a group of these huddled very closely in a large low flat building. Many were intelligent people. There was a professor of languages, an engineer and a mechanic. In the town itself there is an orphan home which is the last word in human misery. Its sixty children were gaunt and emaciated from starvation. They did not even stir as we entered, so little life was there left in them."

The American Jewish Relief Committee is alleviating this condition by sending over supplies from this country. In nearly every state in the Union, a campaign will be put on this fall to raise \$35,000,000. Illinois share is \$1,500,000, and the drive will take place October 6 to 11.

### ILLINOIS TO PUBLISH OFFI- CIAL WAR BOOK

A plan is definitely under way for writing an official history of the part played by Illinois during the great war. This history will consist in all probability of some eight or ten volumes and will cover all phases of war activity within the State, civilian as well as military. At its recent session the legislature made an appropriation to be used for the collection of the necessary material and named the Illinois State Historical Library as the agency which should undertake the work. The library has in turn established War Records Section with headquarters in the State Capitol at Springfield, which will be in immediate charge of the project. Wawne E. Stevens, who served for several months with the Historical Branch of the General Staff at Washington, has been appointed secretary and will have general supervision of the undertaking.

The project of writing a history of Illinois during the war has, besides the sanction of the legislature, the warm personal approval of Governor Lowden, and is in line with similar undertakings in many other states. Illinois cannot afford to be negligent in this matter and the written record of her part in the war must be of a scope and dignity to correspond to the measure of her achievements. Official statistics show that Illinois stood third among the states in the number of men furnished for the army, her quota being only exceeded by those contributed by New York and Pennsylvania. In other fields of war activity the State had a correspondingly important share.

The volumes which are planned will take into account not only the achievements of the army and navy, but also the work which was done at home, which constituted the "fight behind the lines" and in which every citizen of Illinois had a share. They will tell how public opinion was welded into a driving force, determined to carry the struggle through to victory; how industries and man power were mobilized; how a vast movement was organized for the conservation of resources, in order to maintain the armed forces of the nation; in brief, they will show how the entire resources of the State were mobilized in order to help save the world.

The first task to which the War Records Section will devote itself will be the gathering of the data necessary to write a history. A large collection of material will be assembled at Springfield for this purpose while local collections will be formed in each of the counties of the State. It will be necessary to seek the co-operation of representative committees in the various counties which will assemble and preserve local material and at the same time assist the War Records Section in building up the collection at Springfield.

The heartiest co-operation on the part of the people of the State will be necessary in order to insure the fullest success of the undertaking. It is of the first importance that every person who possess any material whatsoever pertaining to the war should preserve it from being carelessly lost or destroyed. Newspapers, letters and diaries of men in the service, war posters, circulars, etc., are all of great value and can be used in writing the history. Many chapters must be devoted to various war agencies, such as the American Red Cross, the Food and Fuel Administrations, the State Council of Defense, and many others. Persons who were in any way connected with these organizations are asked not to destroy any correspondence or other records still in their possession. Those who have material of any sort which they desire to contribute to the collection at Springfield or which they are willing to loan for the purpose of copying, are urged to communicate with the War Records Section of the Illinois State Historical Library.

### WALTER FAMILY REUNION SUNDAY WAS JOLLY PARTY

A family reunion was held Sunday, August 31st at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Walter, 76 Carpenter st. Six brothers and three sisters the entire family of the late Mr. and Mrs. Mark Walters of Pontiac, Mich.

Those present were Dr. and Mrs. Will Walter, Evanston, Ill., Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Walter and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Jarrard, two daughters and son of Berwyn, Mr. G. E. Walter of Riverside, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Walter and son, Mr. F. A. Walter of Hinsdale, Mrs. Frank Stout, Detroit, Mich., Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Walter, Mrs. G. A. Webb, Pontiac, Mich., Mr. Frank Hicks, daughter and sister of Duluth, Minn., Mr. and Miss Hicks are cousins of the family and Miss Hicks has been spending a month in our village and returned to her duties as secretary of the Bar Library of Duluth, September 1st.

### AT HIGH COST OF LAND WILL FARMING PAY?

E. B. Heaton on Above Subject Writing in Du Page Farm and School Bulletin.

More farms have changed hands during the past few weeks in Du Page County than for several years. The other day a two hundred acre farm six miles from Naperville sold for over \$400 per acre. Other farms have sold all the way from \$250 to \$325 per acre. It looks as if the land craze or whatever you wish to call it, is with us. When I hear of the fabulous prices asked and being received for farm land here and in other states, I wonder many times just what is the real worth of land anyway. Can its worth be judged by its speculative value or should it be judged by its productive ability?

Two hundred acres—\$80,000! That looks like a lot of money to have tied up in that area of land, doesn't it? Six per cent interest, in addition to taxes, maintenance, fertilizing, cost of management, etc., all mean that the farmer must do exceedingly good farming to pay for a farm of this kind or even to pay interest on the investment. Six per cent interest on \$80,000 is \$4,800 or \$24 per acre per year. With the present cost of labor and machinery and fertilizers it will cost from \$20 to \$24 per acre, in addition, to cover the expense of production. Land may be worth \$400 or \$500 per acre, but with the wage earners of the country clamoring for lower priced foodstuffs and everybody cursing the high cost of living, I do not see how the farmer can make a very good profit on his investment. Foodstuffs are going to sell any lower in the future. Under exceptional systems of management and with pure bred live stock it is possible, but under ordinary systems of farming it does not appear to be a very profitable proposition.

### QUARTERLY MEET- ING HOLY NAME SOCIETY, SEPT. 7

The regular quarterly meeting of the Archdiocesan Union of the Holy Name Society has been moved ahead to Sunday, September 7. As usual it will be held at 2:30 p. m. in Holy Angels Hall, Oakwood boulevard and Vincennes avenue. Many important plans for the coming winter will be taken up at this time and as a result a large delegation is expected from every parish in the Archdiocese. The meeting will be addressed by Rt. Rev. A. J. McGivick, D. D. and Thomas Cannon.

A few weeks ago Rt. Rev. A. J. McGivick of Chicago, accompanied by about thirty other gentlemen, visited this county, as well as all the other counties in the Archdiocese, in the interest of the Holy Name Society. As a result of these trips the membership has more than doubled. Many new societies are being organized and all of the old societies have increased their membership.

Every Holy Name Society whether affiliated with the Archdiocesan Union or not is expected to send delegates to the above meeting which will surpass all other meetings in the history of the Union.

### MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER FOR SEPTEMBER BRIDE

Miss Hazel Staats, who is to be a September bride, was the recipient of a surprise miscellaneous shower at her home last night. About twenty-five friends from Downers Grove and Hinsdale were present and heaped upon her many beautiful gifts for use in her future home.

Those present were: Mesdames, W. Wolff, Horstmann, F. Wolff, Hayden and Miss Kate Busch, of Hinsdale, Mrs. Chas. Willard, of Cicero and Mesdames, Tapley, Krueger, Bell, Landorf, C. Winter, Geo. Vix, Slick, E. Wander, Marchand, E. Haumesser, P. Wander and F. Schultz and Misses Grace Haumesser and Lillian Wander of Downers Grove.

Lunch was served and all enjoyed a good time.

### "CHATEAU THIERRY AND BEYOND"

DICKE THEATRE

SATURDAY  
September 6th

### SALVATION ARMY DRIVE FOR HOME SERVICE MONEYS

As the organization for the Salvation Army Home Service Fund Drive for \$2,250,000 in Illinois progresses, state and civic organizations are falling in line to back the movement and aid in the solicitation of funds which starts September 22 and continues for one week.

Reports have been received at the campaign headquarters in Chicago showing that in all parts of the state the appeal for workers has met with a ready response and virtually all counties have either completed their organizations and pledged themselves to raise a stated amount, or the work is well under way.

Arrangements have been made for Salvation Army Campaign Organizers to address meetings of lodges of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, which was among the first organizations to offer aid in the campaign. In other parts of the state local Associations of Commerce, members of the Lions' Club, Kiwanis and Rotary clubs also have promised to aid in the work.

The American Legion, which is composed of returned soldiers also has offered to aid in any way the Army may request, and a meeting will be held in Chicago next Saturday at which plans will be made to carry on the campaign.

State organizers, who were sent out from headquarters to perfect the local organizations report that they are meeting with an eager response in every quarter. The war record of the Salvation Army has put that organization into the front rank of worthy causes, and business men from all cities are offering to put their shoulders to the wheel and put the campaign across.

Stress is being laid on the fact that all the money raised in Illinois will be used for relief work within the state, and none will be sent across border lines into other states. Similar campaigns have been waged in other states to carry on the work there, and Illinois will have the benefit of every dollar contributed to the fund.

### THE BABBLER

The babbler gossips, day after day, And does it gladly without pay, She babbles, spurts, and spreads alarm, And often tries to do some harm, You'll find her in the street and home, She even babbles when alone, She goes to church every Sunday, Including Wednesday night to pray, Then home again to babble more, The minute she gets in the door, The preacher was as cold as ice, His wife, poor thing, not even nice, Then Mr. So and So was rank, He's nothing but a great big crank, He does some things that make you sore.

He's nothing but a great big bore, He can't be taught, he's far too bold, He will not do as he is told, And so she babbles on and on, Until it rings just like a gong, That simply makes a lot of noise, And wants you to forget life's joys, But stop, why spend good time and ink? For babblers cannot judge, or think, They have no brains, they're harmless nuts, For babbling babblers, are just nuts. Selected.

### NOTICE

Owners of dogs, who have paid the Village Dog Tax for the year 1919, must display the tag on the collar of the dog. Those who have not yet paid the tax, are hereby notified that same must be paid before Wednesday, September 10th, 1919. After that date all dogs not displaying Village tags will be shot on sight. This notice is final!

By order of  
Chas. Haller,  
Commissioner of Police.

### EMIL HERBOLD HAS PURCHASED GRAHAM BAKERY

The Graham Bakery was sold this week to Emil Herbold of Chicago, who will take possession next Monday September 8th.

Mr. Herbold has run a bakery in Chicago besides working in various shops throughout the country. He is a practical baker with a reputation among the craft.

Mr. Graham has not decided on his future course of action but thinks he will take a rest during the winter.

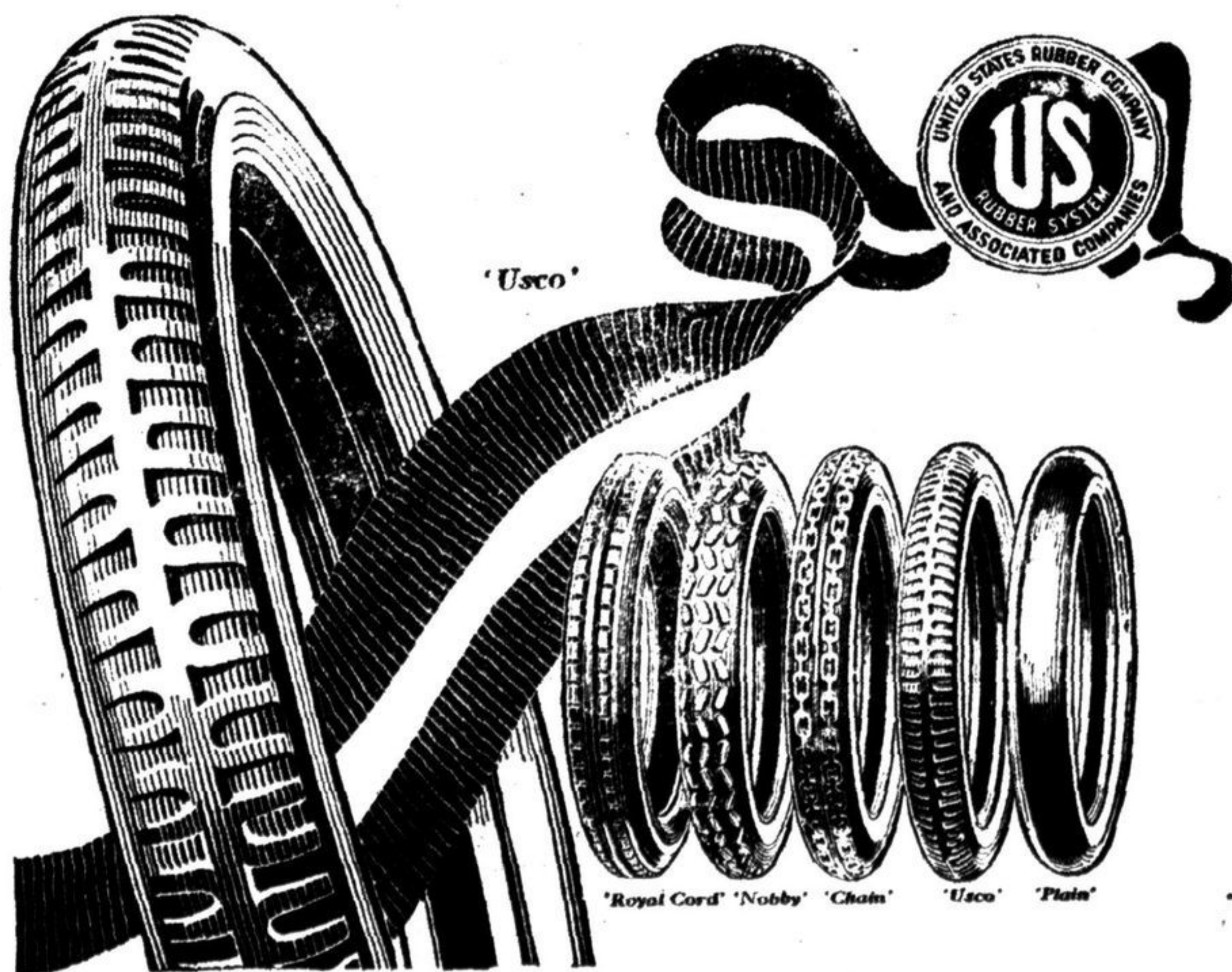
### SOUND THE JUBILEE !!

Of Course you are coming to Wheaton "Home Coming Day." Of course you will want the pleasure of eating things "just like mother used to make." Of course the W. C. T. U. will have the best refreshments on the grounds in their booth at the corner of Front and Cross streets. Of course the proceeds go to swell the W. C. T. U. Jubilee Fund.

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